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In consequence of the discovery of some caves at Settle, in the West Riding of Yorkshire, containing relics of prehistoric ages, a Committee has been formed to examine and report upon them. We are glad to see from the following Report, and the first meeting of the Committee, that the exploration promises to be ably conducted. Notices of the discoveries will be given from time to time in this Journal.

### SETTLE CAVE-EXPLORATION.

*At a Meeting of the Committee held at Settle, on the 13th December, it was unanimously resolved:—*

I. That a thorough and systematic exploration of the Caves in the neighbourhood of Settle shall be made.

II. That the following Scheme, proposed by Sir James Kay-Shuttleworth (Chairman), be adopted, viz.:—1. To examine the ground around the mouth of the caves for signs of fires, implements, utensils, remnants of food, or traces of sepulture. 2. To make a survey of the Caves, in order to provide a plan of the interior drawn to scale and of sufficient size to enable a record to be made on it of the situation in which each thing is found. 3. To ascertain by one or more vertical excavations of limited extent what are the deposits chronologically arranged. 4. Then to proceed to examine these strata from the mouth of the cave inwards, so as to secure the discovery of all remains throwing any light on the history of each stratum. 5. To keep a record of the things discovered in the following form:—

(a) To keep a diary, in which shall be inserted the numbers of each thing found—its superficial position in the plan—and its vertical position, *i. e.* in which stratum it was found. (b) To enter on the Plan in the exact superficial position the number of each thing found and the number of the stratum in which it was discovered. (c) To procure a cabinet with drawers, and to place in separate drawers the things found in the several different strata after they are duly numbered with the superficial number and that of the stratum in which each was found. (d) To keep a catalogue of all things discovered, recording the above numbers, and giving a brief description of each thing and an account of its manner of occurrence.

III. That the following members of the Committee be requested to procure a suitable room for the reception and temporary exhibition of such objects of interest as may be obtained:—Mr. Morrison, Mr. Swale, Mr. R. S. Birkbeck.

IV. That the following members of the Committee be requested to organize a staff of workmen, to consist at present of a superintendent and two workmen:—Mr. Morrison, Mr. Farrer, Mr. Swale, Mr. Stackhouse, Mr. Dawkins, Mr. Tiddeman, Mr. Hughes.

V. That the following members of the Committee be requested to draw up a report of what is already known about the caves:—Mr. Farrer, Mr. Tiddeman, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Dawkins.

VI. That the following members of the Committee be requested to draw up a report on the probable expense and best method of working the caves, and for the purpose of obtaining the necessary information do communicate with others engaged in similar investigations:—Mr. Farrer, Mr. Dawkins, Mr. Swale, Mr. Tiddeman, Mr. Hughes.